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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
June 7, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of June 7, 2000, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection:

Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tavallaei et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,864,653) in view of Splett et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,001,712). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

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